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From: on behalf of Moeller, Rep. Jim
Subject: FW: Indigent Veterans Fund
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From: Lelf Bentsen [mailto:LBentsen@co.kitsap.wa.us]
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 2:53 PM
To: Moeller, Rep. Jim
Subject: Re: Indigent Veterans Fund

Hi Maureen,

Attached is our monthly report from our non-profit contractor, Kitsap Community Resources (explained below). Note the 'Values of Referrals' for KCR about half way down the page, and the values of referrals for outside agencies on page two.

What is your operating budget and the total amount of funds allocated to the Indigent Veterans Fund?

Operating budget is around \$300K. At the end of April, we had \$1,018,231 in the veterans assistance fund.

What is the total amount paid directly to Veterans?

Probably be around \$150K this year

How much of the budget is being used for administration costs?

About \$45K is for a Kitsap Community Resources for case managing VAF applicants for emergency assistance. KCR also plugs eligible vets into other low income programs, giving us more bang for our buck (see attached monthly reports) - about \$23,000 worth.

Another \$45-\$50K goes to my salary to oversee the contractor, to provide staff support to the advisory board, pay for other programs such as stand downs, improve networking between social service providers, and between providers and veterans.

Are you getting requests for funding from the Indigent Veterans Fund and who is processing those requests?

Yes, we have received 236 applicants since the beginning of the year through April. KCR.

Does your county have a Veterans Advisory Committee?

Yes. The board of county commissioners decided 18 months ago to take advantage of the new law and create a new veterans assistance program. The took administration of the program away from local veteran organizations and the county auditor and placed it within the human services division of the county's department of personnel and human services.

I was given the task of forming a new board - 17 members - and setting up a new program. For board membership we targeted not only volunteer service officers who had worked under the old system, but also veterans whose professional occupations would be an asset. Our board also includes, the local LVER, the county prosecutor, former homeless program director, PTSD clinical psychologist, and the director of WDVA's transitional housing program.

Do you have an inter-local agreement to provide services for veterans with any other counties or programs?

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Not at this time

Are you providing funding to any veterans outside of the county?

We had a couple of out-of-county folks who attended our stand downs.